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REMARKS

Claims 13-16, 19, 20, 23, 26-28 and 30-45 are pending. Claims 13-16, 19, 20, 23, 26-28, 41-43 and 45 are allowed. Claims 33 and 34 are rejected. Claims 30-32, 35-40 and 44 are objected to.

Claims 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,512,343 to Shaw. As suggested by examiner, Claim 31 has been rewritten as Claim 33 in independent form including all the limitations of the original base Claim 33. Since Shaw fails to describe an exposed portion of the form layer top surface being printable, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 33 is not anticipated by Shaw. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejection of Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) be withdrawn.

Claims 30, 32, 34, 35-40, and 44 depend from base Claim 33, and therefore, incorporate all of the subject matter of Claim 33. Because a dependant claim cannot be anticipated if the independent claim from which it depends is not anticipated, all other dependant claims of the present application must also be found unanticipated. Since it is submitted for the aforementioned reasons that Claim 33 is patentable over Shaw, it is likewise submitted that Claims 30-32, 34, 35-40, and 44 are patentable over Shaw for the same reasons. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection of Claims 30-32, 34, 35-40, and 44 be withdrawn.

Conclusion.

Applicant believes the above analysis and the amendments made herein overcome all of the Examiner's objections and all of the Examiner's rejections of Claims 30-34, 35-40 and 44

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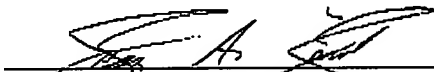
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and that Claims 30-34, 35-40 and 44 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is suggested that Claims 30-34, 35-40 and 44 constitute allowable subject matter and should be favorably considered by the Examiner, and it is requested that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for those Claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201.

Respectfully submitted,

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